Professional Development Opportunities for Adjuncts at WCUPA

As an adjunct instructor, you are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of many of the professional development opportunities offered to other instructors here at WCUPA. You may receive periodic email invitations to these opportunities, but the following list breaks them down into categories: 1) On-campus support & mentoring; 2) scholarly and professional development funding; 3) Training and other professional development resources; 4) on-campus conferences to present at or attend; and 5) pedagogical tips in your inbox.

1. On-Campus Support & Mentoring:

Faculty Mentoring Committee: https://www.wcupa.edu/tlac/facultyMentoringProgram/

This committee seeks to offer sustained mentoring support and relationship-building opportunities. New in 2021, they've also developed a mentoring program specifically geared toward the temporary faculty experience here at WCUPA. This program is led by long-term temporary faculty instructors from WCUPA, some of whom who've gone on to receive tenure-track appointments here on campus.

APSCUF Temporary Faculty Support Committee:

This sub-committee of our Faculty Union seeks to provide resources and support for adjunct faculty here on campus. Unlike some other faculty union structures across the country, APSCUF represents and bargains for the rights of both temporary and permanent faculty alike. To get involved, email the 2022 co-chairs Tim Dougherty (English; tdougherty@wcupa.edu) or Bill Sawyer (Physics; wsawyer@wcupa.edu).

2. Scholarly Professional Development Funding

WCUPA offers many in-house research and professional development grant opportunities, some of which are available to adjunct faculty, particularly if you team up directly with a permanent faculty member. Many of these awards come through the individual colleges or get announced during the academic year, so keep your eye out for information coming through your email.

If you'd like to speak directly with other adjuncts who've sought to navigate research at WCU, reach out to the APSCUF Temporary Faculty Support Committee above. To seek support for

external funding on research projects, check out the link below for WCUPA's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:
https://www.wcupa.edu/_admin/research/default.aspx

3. Training and Professional Development Resources

LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda Campus)
https://www.wcupa.edu/linkedinlearning/

FAST Training: Faculty and Staff Training in online platforms and applications
https://wcupa.edu/infoservices/training/

Introduction to PeopleSoft/MyWCU
https://d2l.wcupa.edu/d2l/le/content/2306730/viewContent/16749980/View

D2L FAQs
https://wcupa.edu/infoServices/d2lServices/faqs.aspx

D2L Documentation Library
https://wcupa.edu/infoServices/d2lServices/documentationLibrary.aspx

GreenDot Training
https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/greenDot/default.aspx

Office of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs
https://www.wcupa.edu/_services/stu.slv/

4. On-Campus Conferences to Present & Attend

These two conferences are terrific on-campus opportunities in which to earn a CV line and present on your innovative pedagogical work in the classroom

Scholarship of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment (SoTLA)—local conference at the start of the Spring term, open to all: https://www.wcupa.edu/tlac/soTLA.aspx

RECAP—conference on technology in education, at the end of the Spring semester, open to all: https://www.wcupa.edu/recap/

5.Pedagogical Tips in your Inbox

Pedagogy—how you teach—is an intensely personal matter, and each instructor will develop their own teaching style. That being said, it is often helpful and sometimes inspiring to read about what others do. Here are some ways that you can get pedagogical tips in your inbox:

Chronicle of Higher Education Teaching Newsletter:

https://www.chronicle.com/page/Get-the-Teaching-Newsletter/709?cid=at&utm_source=at&utm_medium=en&elqTrackId=94547faf25674de88ef20294f05cb5c0&elq=1c8267ea6e6e4daeae5f1880ce6e0fb2&elqaid=21607&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=10396

Magna Publications "The Teaching Professor" on Teaching and Learning:

https://magnapubs.lpages.co/teaching-professor-email-update-service/

If you find any others, please let us know so that we can build this resource. Thank you!

This list prepared for Fall 2022 by the APSCUF Adjunct Support Committee (special thanks to Deanna Gabe), with resource input from the Communications and English Departments. To get involved or get support, contact our co-chairs Tim Dougherty (tdougherty@wcupa.edu) or Bill Sawyer (wsawyer@wcupa.edu).